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Refugees welcome

HUMANITARIANISM

Premier says Manitoba is ready for influx of Syrians

Manitoba is set to welcome an additional 2,000 Syrian refugees by year's end.

Premier Greg Selinger says additional staffing is in place and more money will be provided to agencies to help settle the newcomers.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said the federal government will bring in 25,000 refugees by the end of the year.

However, many resettlement organizations have suggested the short timeline will put massive pressure on local resources.

Sally Nelson, interim director of New Journey Housing, says the problem right now is that the rental vacancy rate is low and affordable housing stocks are in short supply.

However, she says her organization will do everything it can to prepare for the refugees.

"We obviously want to do it so they have a permanent place in Manitoba," says Selinger.

In Alberta on Tuesday, Human Services Minister Irfan Sabir said the Alberta government does not yet have anything in the works for handling Syrian refugees.

Premier Rachel Notley said two weeks ago that Alberta will join with other provinces — including Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia — that have committed to opening their doors.

Sabir said it's a federal matter and Alberta is waiting to see details of the federal plan.

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Artist library reopens

ALSO AS WELL TOO

Alexis Kinloch invites people into her home to read books

Meg Crane
For Metro | Winnipeg

Alexis Kinloch invites strangers into her home — provided they want to look at her books.

Kinloch has 300 art books, many of which were donated by or on permanent loan from artists, to create the Also As Well Too library.

"It's not a lending library," Kinloch said.

Many of the books are one-of-a-kind, delicate or sculptural. To ensure their safety, Kinloch keeps them in the library, located behind 740 Banning St. and up a set of stairs.

"This is called a library because it's artists' books, but at the same time it's a gallery because an artist's book is a contemporary art object," Kinloch said.

Kinloch sometimes takes the library on tour or to local events, but she often leaves the more delicate pieces behind.

The full collection includes zines, postcards, brochures, tarot cards and flip books.

"I hope that the public would feel comfortable and confident to come here and not afraid to ask questions and experience these kinds of artworks. They were made to be experienced," Kinloch said.

Alexis Kinloch turned a room in her apartment into a library. MEG CRANE/FOR METRO

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That's why artists as far away as Scotland and Spain have sent works to her, she added — they wanted the books to be viewed rather than sitting in their private collections. And they have certainly been viewed. Kinloch has had out-of-town and repeat visitors who stay for hours.

The library has been closed for several weeks while Kinloch moved, but she's re-opening Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Kinloch opens the library in her spare time; sometimes it's a few hours in the morning, sometimes an evening. She uses Facebook to announce the schedule.

One day, Kinloch hopes Also As Well Too will become big enough to move out of her home.

In the meantime, she'll continue welcoming the public to enjoy her space and the art.

People are free to have a seat and look at the books at their leisure. MEG CRANE/FOR METRO

INFESTATIONS

Rodents in cars on the rise

Manitoba Public Insurance says statistics show that a rising number of rodents are on the run and looking for a place to take refuge as the weather grows colder.

Unfortunately, that refuge often ends up being someone's car. MPI says back in 2012, there were 1,546 rodent claims with 679 vehicles written off at a cost of $6.5 million. Last year, the numbers were up significantly — 2,600 rodent claims opened, with 973 vehicles written off at a cost of $10.6 million.

Albert Thomas repairs vehicles infested with squirrels and mice and says once the critters get inside, they can quickly render a vehicle unsafe to drive by chewing on wires.

He says rodents infestations have become so common any new clients at his garage could face up to a six-week wait for repairs.

Entomologist Taz Stuart also notes that if a vehicle has a deer mouse infestation, there could be an added health concern in the form of hantavirus.

"You've got urine and feces which is your problem," says Stuart. "If you disturb it and they aerosol it, you can potentially die from it."

What's causing the increase? Thomas blames motorists eating habits for the high number of cases.

"It's food, inside on the carpets, inside the baby car seats. That's what attracting mice," he says.

Stuart says motorists in new developments are also increasingly falling victim.

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TANGERINE FINANCIAL SERVICES

Committee kills pop-up bank branch

A pop-up bank branch won't be setting up shop at Kildonan Place mall.

On Tuesday the city's property and development committee voted 1-1 against the idea, with the tie vote killing the appeal to allow the temporary Tangerine financial services branch to be set up.

The bright orange branch would have been housed in a shipping container, and would have been temporary and used for promotional purposes.

It would not have housed a bank machine or offered cash transactions.

The yes vote came from Coun. Jenny Gerbasi while Coun. John Orlikow voted no.

Coun. Matt Allard didn't vote because he was away on city business, and Coun. Russ Wyatt couldn't vote because he had already voted on the matter in another city committee.

"I am concerned about the pop ups that could pop up anywhere," said Orlikow, who said he does not want to see a "precedent set" with temporary pop-up shops.

"Do we want to see 12 of these down Regent back to back to back? Do we want to see 12 of these down Waverley?"

Orlikow said he knows where he would rather see the branch go saying it "should go into the mall where they have spaces that need to be occupied. It should go there." DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Coun. John Orlikow. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS

Coun. apologizes to mayor, staff

Coun. Ross Eadie says he is no longer angry with the Winnipeg Police for calling Mayor Brian Bowman after he passed out in a taxi and spent Friday night in a drunk tank.

In a statement, Eadie said he met with Winnipeg Police to discuss what had happened Friday night and said "given this detail, it has become very clear to me why the Mayor was called about the situation."

"There was no undo treatment regarding this call to the Mayor," said Eadie. "I was unable to provide an address of someone who would take charge of a very drunk person.

"Given I work at city hall with the Mayor and his office, there was a logical attempt to find an alternative to the Main Street Project on my behalf."

Eadie said that when he got an "unexpected" call from a media outlet on Sunday he was only able to report what he knew at the time.

"It was very unclear as to who leaked the situation. So, I mentioned my concern about the Mayor being called about a personal issue in my life," said Eadie

"What is clear is I owe the Mayor an apology due to my inappropriate actions. I also owe an apology to the Mayor's staff." METRO

This plane, owned by Keystone Air Service, crashed near Thompson in September. TSB/FLICKR

Authority grounds airline over safety

KEYSTONE AIR SERVICE

Crash in Sept. sent eight to hospital

Transport Canada grounded a small charter airline based just outside Winnipeg because it posed a clear safety threat, the federal department said Tuesday.

Keystone Air Service, based in St. Andrews, Man., came under review following a crash in Thompson, Man., in September that sent eight people to hospital.

Transport Canada "identified deficiencies in Keystone Air Services" operational control and quality assurance systems. These deficiencies posed an immediate and significant threat to aviation safety," spokesman Sean Best said in a written statement.

He would not specify what those deficiencies were.

The decision means Keystone — one of the biggest regional charter companies used by governments, businesses and others to travel to remote areas — cannot resume commercial air service until it demonstrates that it can meet all safety regulations.

The September crash involved a twin-engine piston aircraft that was mistakenly refilled with jet-engine fuel. The plane was carrying Manitoba government employees, and Premier Greg Selinger said Tuesday the workers are continuing to recover.

"Most of them have gone through some very serious trauma. They've received support for that. Some of them have had physical injuries, some of them had post-traumatic stress disorder," Selinger said.

Selinger said he supports Transport Canada's decision, and hopes that Keystone can satisfy the agency's safety requirements and start flying again.

"The federal authority that has taken that measure is simply ensuring public safety and we support that."

Keystone officials did not reply to requests for comment.

Keystone was also involved in a 2012 crash near Dryden, Ont., that killed four people, including the pilot, and was blamed partly on pilot inexperience.

The Transportation Safety Board said the pilot tried to land in severe icing conditions instead of flying to another destination.

Ten years before that, a small Keystone plane crashed at a busy intersection in Winnipeg after running out of fuel. One of six passengers died weeks later in hospital.

The pilot in that case was convicted of five counts of criminal negligence and one count of dangerous operation of an aircraft. The criminal negligence charges were later overturned on appeal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Show highlights indigenous works

WINNIPEG ART GALLERY

40 years of art to explore complexities of identity

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The Winnipeg Art Gallery is presenting a new exhibit that explores indigenous work and gives a history lesson at the same time.

We Are On Treaty Land is a collection of paintings, prints and photographs created by indigenous artists over the past 40 years.

The works look at treaties and the relationship between First Nations and the Crown.

"We Are On Treaty Land adds to the conversation on the complexities of Canadian identity, indigenous culture and issues that motivate art production today," said Dr. Stephen Borys, Winnipeg Art Gallery's director and CEO.

The art is accompanied by historical objects that are on loan from the Manitoba Museum to help provide viewers with history and a better understanding of issues impacting indigenous and non-indigenous people in Canada.

"We Are On Treaty Land acknowledges Treaty No. 1 Territory by honouring our history, relationships and the treaty's relevance as a means to understand and relate to our present," said Jaimie Isaac, the curatorial resident of indigenous and contemporary art at the WAG.

> **Interpretations of the treaties through indigenous visual arts work to both exercise and illustrate our sovereignty.**
> Jaimie Isaac

FOR DISPLAY

New centre planned for Inuit art collection

The Winnipeg Art Gallery is home to the world's largest collection of contemporary Inuit art. The gallery is building a dedicated Inuit Art Centre in which to display the works. The new centre will be located next to the WAG.

This is the first exhibit Isaac has curated as part of her two-year residency with the WAG.

We Are On Treaty Land, which runs from Nov. 13 to May 22, 2016, includes works by Robert Houle, Rosalie Favell and KC Adams.

"The exhibition supports the WAG's mission to enhance the recognition of First Nations, Métis and Inuit artists, which is critical as we work towards the creation of the Inuit Art Centre," Borys said.

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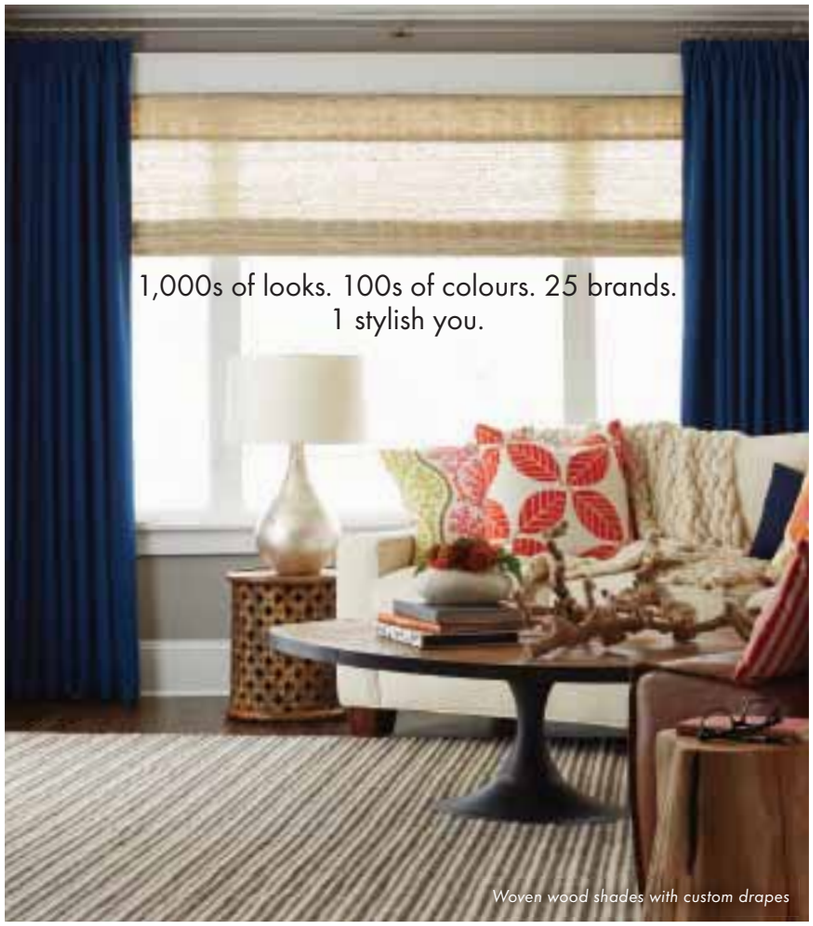

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Remembering...

Thousands gather for Remembrance Day ceremonies throughout the city

Lieut. Blake Minaker and Cadet Warrant Officer First Class Nivethan Panchendrabose of the 170 Royal Canadian Air Cadets walk to place a wreath at the monument in Bruce Park. ELISHA DACEY/METRO

The Last Post is played at the service at Vimy Ridge Park. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Soldiers march in the parade near Vimy Ridge Park. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Above, a girl places her poppy on a memorial wreath at Bruce Park. Below, Spr. Sean Greenfield's family walks to place a wreath in his memory at Bruce Park. He grew up in Manitoba and died on Jan. 31, 2009 in Afghanistan. ELISHA DACEY/METRO

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CRIME

Novel shines fresh light on 1971 murder of aboriginal teen

More than four decades before 15-year-old Tina Fontaine's body was pulled from Winnipeg's Red River wrapped in a bag, the country was shocked by the death of another aboriginal teenager in Manitoba. Her name was Helen Betty Osborne.

The 19-year-old was abducted as she walked down the streets of The Pas, Man., in November 1971. She was later stabbed to death with a screwdriver dozens of times.

It would take 15 years before murder charges were laid. An inquiry determined that racism, sexism and indifference in the community marred the police investigation.

Her brutal murder 44 years ago, and the road to justice, are the subject of a graphic novel aimed at educating the next generation about missing and murdered aboriginal women.

"Her story is one of the first times that, as a country and as a province of Manitoba, we became aware of things that were happening with our indigenous women," said Winnipeg author David Alexander Robertson.

"That being said, even today not a lot of people appreciate the impact of that epidemic."

Osborne is not one of Canada's 1,182 missing and murdered indigenous women. RCMP statistics began in 1980.

Although indigenous women make up 4.3 per cent of the Canadian population, RCMP say they account for 16 per cent of female homicides and 11.3 per cent of missing women.

Writing one woman's story in a graphic novel was a way to bring the issue to a broader — and younger — audience, Robertson said.

"Through her story, we can learn about murdered indigenous women. We can learn about racism, segregation, the justice system's treatment of aboriginal people."

Osborne was from Norway House First Nation but had to leave her community to attend school if she wanted to continue her education. She struggled with school in The Pas, but was determined to become a teacher so other children would not have to leave the reserve, Robertson said.

David Alexander Robertson, author of Betty: The Helen Betty Osborne Story, is photographed beside Winnipeg's Red River, Wednesday. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Osborne spent the night of Nov. 13, 1971, with friends and was walking home alone when she was accosted by four white men who had been drinking.

> **"I hope that people who read it are as affected as I was.**
> David Alexander Robertson

"There was a practice around that time where young men would cruise around looking for indigenous women, because of the preconception of them being easy, they liked to drink and party," Robertson said.

When Osborne said no, she was forced into a car. She was driven to a cabin where her screams were heard by neighbours. The men took her to a pumphouse where she was stripped, beaten and stabbed.

Her body was found the next day by a boy following rabbit tracks in the snow.

Police were unable to gather sufficient evidence against the four men and the case stalled. It was picked up again in 1983 and one of the four, Dwayne Archie Johnston, was eventually convicted of murder.

The book has drawn praise from Canadian author Joseph Boyden, who writes about First Nations heritage and called it "one of the most powerful graphic novels I've ever read."

Writing the novel was emotional but vital to help raise awareness, Robertson said.

"I hope that people who read it are as affected, as I was, writing it. In the indigenous culture, women are so important. When we lose one, we lose generations. The loss is profound. The movement for change needs to be equally profound."

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CANADIAN-DANISH DETENTE

For years, Canada and Denmark have each claimed sovereignty of Hans Island off Greenland.

Like the crew of Danish warship Vedderen, shown here, each country periodically visits to remove the other's flag and put up their own.

The friendly rivalry could turn into friendly co-ownership. On Thursday, Michael Byers, a University of British Columbia international law professor and a Danish colleague are to present a proposal suggesting that Canada and Denmark share sovereignty over the 1.2-square-kilometre rock.

"The new (Canadian) federal government might see this as a way to signal a change in approach," said Byers from Denmark.

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Canadian couple found dead at Mexican resort

INVESTIGATION

Pair were there for daughter's wedding

A Canadian couple who had travelled to Mexico to attend their daughter's wedding has been found dead at a hotel near the resort city of Playa del Carmen.

A family member said Charles Mackenzie and his wife, Dorothy Mackenzie, both from Baddeck, N.S., were found dead on Monday.

Charles Mackenzie's brother-in-law Douglas Hastings said family members currently in Mexico for the wedding were dealing with their deaths.

"I know that they're more concerned about the remains and cremation and things like that. I don't really know about the wedding," said Hastings, whose wife was also in Mexico.

An official from the prosecutor's office in the Mexican state of Quintana Roo said the couple's bodies were found in a whirlpool spa and showed no signs of violence.

The official, who wouldn't give her name as she said she wasn't authorized to speak publicly about the case, said autopsies have indicated that Charles Mackenzie died of a heart attack and his wife died of asphyxia by submersion.

She said the deaths appeared to be accidental and linked, suggesting the man's heart attack may have somehow caused the woman to drown.

> **What the family mentioned was a heart attack.**
> David Rubeo

A spokesman for the Playacar Palace hotel, where the couple was staying, said the deaths are still under investigation.

David Rubeo dismissed earlier media reports that suggested the couple had been electrocuted in the hot tub of their room.

"The room was perfectly fine. All the equipment was working perfectly," he said. "What the family mentioned was a heart attack."

Rubeo said the couple's family was still staying at the hotel and was being assisted by hotel staff.

"We are treating them as our own family," he said, noting that staff were helping the Canadians deal with local authorities.

"All the group is very calm, in the best way they can be."

A spokesman with the Department of Foreign Affairs confirmed the deaths of two Canadians and said consular officials were helping the couple's family and friends.

"Canadian consular officials in Playa del Carmen, Mexico are in contact with local authorities to gather additional information," said Francois Lasalle. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CYCLING

Women safely in slow lane

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Hazel Anderson is used to being passed by "fast men in Lycra" when cycling in Toronto.

"I'm a proud slow cyclist," the British expat says.

She's not surprised by a new study showing women are safer cyclists than men.

Researchers at the University of Toronto and University of British Columbia published the study in the medical journal BMJ. They found male cyclists three times more likely to wind up in hospital than female counterparts.

The researchers analyzed 3,690 hospital visits by cyclists in Canada from 2006 to 2011, studying variables like age, mode share and helmet laws. More than 75 per cent of cyclists hospitalized in that time were men.

"For all injury causes, sex was the only significant explanatory variable," write the authors, attributing the results to female cyclists' "lower propensity for risk-taking," and noting women are more likely to ride slowly or stick to separated bike lanes.

Similar studies have examined driving habits and found lower injury and fatality rates among women drivers.

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PHILANTHROPY

App to help feed Syrian children

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

There's now an app for helping Syrian refugees.

The World Food Program launched ShareTheMeal, a mobile app that aims to help smartphone users around the world contribute to efforts of feeding Syrian schoolchildren in Jordan.

"WFP is currently struggling to get enough help for Syrians," said Julie Marshall, the Canadian spokeswoman for the organization.

"This innovative idea will make it a lot easier for people to donate, and will help us reach a different demographic of donors."

The organization is helping about four million people access food inside Syria each month, as well as over a million refugees in neighbouring countries, she said.

The potential for using the app to donate is huge. In a ShareTheMeal test conducted recently in Germany, Australia and Switzerland, more than 120,000 mobile users provided nearly two million meals for schoolchildren in Lesotho, a southern African country.

WFP provides food assistance to nearly 20,000 school-aged Syrian children inside Jordan. As the crisis continues and funding becomes critical, the organization hopes ShareTheMeal becomes a new way for sourcing funds, said Marshall.

"The app will remind people how lucky they are, and hopefully make them help other people around the world," she said.

The app will be available for free on iOS and Android starting Thursday morning.

IMMIGRATION

Liberals to meet to contemplate refugee plan

The Liberal cabinet will meet Thursday to consider a plan to bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of the year. Details about how the new government intends to make good on its campaign pledge have been closely guarded since a special cabinet committee agreed on a strategy earlier this week. Immigration Minister John McCallum has said repeatedly that all options were on the table — including military transport, temporary housing on military bases, commercial air travel, and transport by boat. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A Justin Trudeau-like vow for an equal number of men and women in U.S. cabinet? No thanks, says Donald Trump. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: ANDRES PLANA/METRO

Parity, schmarity: Trump pans pledge

POLITICS

Merit over gender balance, says billionaire

Critics of Justin Trudeau's guarantee of a gender-equal cabinet have found a famous ally south of the border: Donald Trump.

The billionaire politician was asked Wednesday in an interview about imitating the new Canadian prime minister's half-male, half-female cabinet — and he said no.

MSNBC interviewer Mika Brzezinski brought up Trudeau's stated rationale for the move — "because it's 2015" — and she asked the Republican nomination contender whether he'd follow suit.

Trump replied he has many, many women working for his companies. Perhaps even more than 50 per cent, he said. But he said he'd make cabinet appointments based exclusively on merit, not quotas.

"I'm not one that has to make a pledge," Trump said. "I wouldn't want that. Because I will tell you: I want the best person at each position ... I'm going to get the best people for the job."

> **"I'm going to get the best people for the job."**
> U.S. presidential hopeful Donald Trump

He mentioned, for example, billionaire investor Carl Icahn who has endorsed Trump and is apparently already lined up for a cabinet spot should the real-estate-selling reality-TV star win the White House.

Trump has taken a few positions on other issues relevant to Canada in recent months, as he has mostly led the Republican nomination polls.

He has dismissed the idea of a border wall with Canada, despite enthusiastically proposing one with Mexico. He opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact because he says it's a bad deal for the United States.

And he supports the Keystone XL pipeline. Trump has mused about possibly requesting better terms from TransCanada Corp., but he is in favour of building the stalled pipeline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A sign warns to avoid contact with St. Lawrence River water in Montreal on Wednesday. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONTREAL

Sewage disposal in river going to plan

There have been no hiccups so far as the City of Montreal started the controversial process of dumping eight billion litres of raw sewage into the St. Lawrence River, Mayor Denis Coderre said Wednesday.

Coderre said everything was proceeding as planned and the infrastructure repair work that necessitated the discharge would begin soon.

At 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, certain sewers began diverting untreated sewage away from an aging interceptor and directly into the river, which will continue for about a week.

The release of untreated waste water is necessary in order to complete repairs on an aging interceptor tunnel that feeds sewage to a treatment facility as well as to relocate a snow chute.

"We are protecting our river and it's better to have (the discharge) planned than just to react to a (break or rupture) where we might have even more waste water," Coderre said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SECURITY

Activist suspects U.S. behind detention

A French de-radicalization activist once imprisoned in Guantanamo Bay said Wednesday he suspects American authorities were behind Canada's decision to refuse him entry and jail him for two days before sending him back to France.

"I thought that maybe the American government knew I was in Canada and maybe exerted pressure to put me in jail," Mourad Benchellali said from Lyon, France. "I thought they will send me to America, so I was very scared."

Benchellali, 34, said U.S. authorities assured him he is not on their no-fly list, but Canadian carrier Air Transat refused to let him board a flight to Montreal earlier this year.

> **"I know it's not the fault of the Canadian people."**
> De-radicalization activist Mourad Benchellali

"They just told me the Americans don't want me to take this flight," he said.

Upon his arrival in Toronto from Paris via Iceland on Nov. 2, Benchellali was detained, interrogated about his time at an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan 15 years ago, and prohibited from entering Canada.

The French citizen has written a book about his experiences in the camp and subsequent detention in Guantanamo Bay (he was released in 2004). He said his brother had taken him to Afghanistan for what he thought would be an adventure holiday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former Guantanamo Bay prisoner Mourad Benchellali. FRANCOIS GUILLOT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

No evidence hospital housed Taliban before attack: Report

AFGHANISTAN

U.S. military relied heavily on its Afghan allies for strike

Immediately after the U.S. killed at least 30 people in a devastating airstrike on a charity hospital, Afghanistan's national security adviser told a European diplomat his country would take responsibility because "we are without doubt, 100 per cent convinced the place was occupied by Taliban," according to notes of the meeting.

More than a month later, no evidence has emerged to support that Afghan position. Eyewitnesses said they saw no gunman at the hospital.

Instead, there are mounting indications the U.S. military relied heavily on its Afghan allies who resented the internationally run hospital, which treated Afghan security forces and Taliban alike but says it refused to admit armed men.

The new evidence includes details about the location of American troops during the attack. The U.S. special forces unit whose commander called in the strike was under fire in the Kunduz provincial governor's compound a half-mile away from the hospital, according to a former intelligence official who has reviewed documents describing the incident. The commander could not see the medical facility — so couldn't know firsthand whether the Taliban were using it as a base — and sought the attack on the recommendation of Afghan forces, the official said.

Looking ahead, the strike raises questions about whether the U.S. military should rely on intelligence from Afghan allies in a war in which small contingent of Americans will increasingly fight with larger units of local forces.

Also at issue is how American commanders, with sophisticated information technology at their disposal, could have allowed the strike to go forward despite reports in their databases that the hospital was functioning.

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> **When we make a mistake, we will not only own up to it, we will also scrutinize all of the facts to learn from them so that it never happens again.**
>
> Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. Jeff Davis

IN BRIEF

Serbian PM makes pledge for rejuvenation project

Serbia's prime minister said Wednesday his country is donating five million euros to rejuvenate the Bosnian town of Srebrenica, where Serbs slaughtered 8,000 Muslim men and boys during the war 20 years ago.

Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic attended a regional investment conference in the eastern town and said that the first two million euros will arrive by Monday.

The move is yet another attempt to atone for war atrocities that have kept the region unstable.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

A world united

Ever since the end of the First World War, November 11 is observed around the world as an occasion to honour and remember veterans of war.

1 Armistice Day — Alrewas, England: A woman touches a memorial plaque at the National Memorial Arboretum.

2 Veterans Day parade — Miami Beach, Florida: Kelvin Cabrera salutes as the parade marches past.

3 Field of Remembrance — London England: Crosses and poppies are hidden by fallen leaves outside Westminster Abbey.

4 Vietnam Veterans Memorial — Washington, DC: A veteran searches for the name of a fallen peer

REFUGEE CRISIS

EU pushes for migrant returns as Slovenia tightens security

The European Union pressed African leaders on Wednesday to take back thousands of people who do not qualify for asylum, as overwhelmed Slovenia began building a razor-wire border fence to keep migrants at bay, raising tensions with neighbouring Croatia.

Sweden, also struggling to manage the influx, became the latest EU nation to announce the introduction of temporary border controls, as of Thursday.

The Europeans say most Africans are coming in search of work and should be sent home, but many deliberately arrive without documents and must wait months before they are taken back.

At an EU-run summit in Malta, African leaders are set to commit "to co-operate with the EU on return and admission, notably on travel documentation," according to the latest draft of an "Action Plan" being drawn up.

The president of Niger — a major transit route for Africans heading to lawless Libya in the hopes of crossing the Mediterranean to Europe — was cautious about opening the floodgates for people to return.

800,000

The number of people who have entered Europe by sea this year.

3 million

The EU predicts that three million more could arrive by 2017.

"We are open to talking about it. Everything will depend on the conditions that will be put in place for when they arrive," President Mahamadou Issoufou told reporters in the Maltese capital Valletta, adding that the best method of solving Europe's migration crisis is to attack the root causes forcing people to leave in the first place.

"We can put security measures in place, but the flow will remain difficult to stop as long as we don't take measures to reduce poverty," he said.

The EU is working closely with Niger to stem the flow of migrants toward Libya, and ultimately to Europe. It is also trying to seal deals with Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt.

One was signed with Ethiopia as the two-day summit began.

The move gives Ethiopia — a major hub for people trying to reach Europe — access to money from a 1.8 billion euro trust fund.

But the head of the African Union, Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, expressed concern that moving on returns too quickly might result in the building of reception centres where people are held until they can be granted asylum or be sent home.

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Seven murders ignite Afghans

MIDDLE EAST

Kabul erupts in violence as ten thousand demand justice

Anger and frustration over the brutal killings of seven members of Afghanistan's minority Hazaras spilled into the streets of Kabul on Wednesday, with about 10,000 people marching to demand justice for the Shiite minority and calling on the government to do more to ensure the nation's security or step down.

The case of seven Hazaras, whose beheaded bodies were found Saturday in the country's southeastern province of Zabul, appears to have galvanized many in war-battered Afghanistan, uniting them across ethnic and sectarian divides.

No one claimed responsibility for the killings, though Afghan officials have blamed a range of extremists, from Taliban insurgents to an emerging affiliate in Afghanistan of the Islamic State group, which is fighting in Syria and Iraq. The protest climaxed outside President Ashraf Ghani's heavily fortified presidential palace at Pashtunistan Square, where marchers brought the coffins, draped in green flags symbolizing the Shiite minority.

At one point, presidential guards opened fire as some of the protesters tried to scale the walls and get into the palace grounds. The president's deputy spokesman, Zafar Hashemi, said the shooting wounded 10 people. It was not immediately clear if Ghani was inside the palace at the time.

Shortly afterward, Ghani went live on national television, appealing for calm and promising that the Hazara deaths would be avenged. "The nation's pain is my pain," he said, vowing the authorities would have "no mercy" on the killers.

"Like you, I will not calm down until the perpetrators of these crimes are brought to justice. We shall revenge the blood of our brothers and sisters," he said, adding that the "enemies of Afghanistan" are trying to create disunity and "bring ethnic and sectarian violence" to the country.

The seven coffins had also been moved inside the palace grounds where they would stay the night — a conciliatory gesture following the gunfire. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Thousands of protesters marched coffins containing the bodies of seven Shiite Hazaras through the Afghan capital Kabul to demand justice for gruesome beheadings, which prompted fears of sectarian bloodshed in the war-torn country. SHAH MARAI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES.

INDONESIA

Elephants on a fire brigade

Forest fires difficult to control? Call in the pachyderm patrol.

Officials in Indonesia are using trained elephants outfitted with water pumps and hoses to help control fires that have claimed vast amounts of forest while sending thick haze into neighbouring countries.

For nearly three months, Riau province in East Sumatra has been blanketed by smoke from forest fires and land clearing, especially in peat-rich areas where flames are difficult to contain.

At the elephant conservation centre in Siak district, 23 trained elephants are being used as "forest watchdogs."

Carrying water pumps and other equipment, elephants and their crews patrol burned areas in the national forest to ensure that fires don't reappear after smouldering beneath the peat lands.

Supartono, the head of the Riau Forestry Division, who uses one name, said the elephants had earlier been trained to help patrol forests to find people encroaching illegally, as well as to resolve frequent conflicts between wild elephants and people by driving the wild elephants that enter human settlements back to their habitats. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Forestry officials load up an elephant. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

EUROPEAN UNION

Labels anger Israel

The European Union's decision Wednesday to start labelling Israeli products made in the West Bank delivered a resounding show of international disapproval over Israel's expansion of Jewish settlements and raised the pressure on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to renew peace efforts with the Palestinians.

Israel condemned the measure as unfair and discriminatory, but it appeared helpless to stop its growing isolation over the settlement issue and its treatment of Palestinians. Relations with the EU in particular have deteriorated in recent years due to disputes over the settlements.

"The EU decision is hypocritical and constitutes a double standard," Netanyahu said, adding that Israel had been unfairly singled out.

Speaking from Washington, he said, "The EU should be ashamed." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PLANE CRASH

Seven real estate workers dead after jet hits house

Seven associates of a Florida real estate investment company were on the second day of a multicity Midwestern trip to look at property for potential shopping centres when their small jet crashed into an Ohio apartment house, killing all nine people onboard.

The two pilots also were killed. Investigators are trying to determine what caused the crash.

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More women return home

STUDY

Marrying later, student debt, living costs play a role

The percentage of young women living at home with parents or relatives has risen to its highest level since 1940 as more millennial women put off marriage, attend college and face high living expenses.

A Pew Research Center analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data found that 36.4 per cent of women between the ages 18 and 34 lived with parents or relatives in 2014, the most since at least 1940, when 36.2 per cent lived with family.

It is a very different world for women now, though, despite the "return to the past, statistically speaking," says Richard Fry, a senior economist at Pew.

Fry says young women are staying home now because they are they are half as likely to be married as they were 1940 and much more likely to be college-educated. Other economic forces, such as increasing student debt, higher living costs and economic uncertainty, are also playing a role.

New research has found that 36.4 per cent of women between the ages 18 and 34 lived with parents or relatives in 2014, the most since at least 1940. COURTESY ISTOCK

Casey Ballard was living away from home in Portland, Oregon, but rent ate up roughly two-thirds of her paycheque and she was ready for a career change. A September move back with family in California allowed her to try out teaching as a substitute and to pursue teaching full-time.

> **"The logical side of me ... said 'It's just fiscally responsible.'**
> Casey Ballard

"There was that element of frustration and feeling like a failure," she says about returning home. "But then the logical side of me kicked in and said 'It's just fiscally responsible.' "

Young men have historically lived with parents at higher rates than young women, and similar economic and cultural forces are keeping an increasing number of men at home too in recent years. But the rate young men are staying home with their parents and relatives, 42.8 per cent, remains below the 47.5 per cent level for men in 1940.

The percentage of young men and women living with family fell after the 1940s as more women joined the workforce, the overall workforce expanded, and marriage rates increased.

But while marriage was once the life event that triggered a move out of the family home, it is now coming later with each generation, if it comes at all. The median age of marriage for women is now 27, up from 21.5 in 1940. For men, it is 29.3, up from 24.3 in 1940.

Young women and men began staying home or returning there at a more rapid rate after 2000, a trend that sharply increased with the economic uncertainty brought on by the housing collapse and recession in the late 2000s.

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AIRLINES

Satellite tracking adopted

A deal reached at a UN meeting on Wednesday opens the way for satellite tracking of airliners, a major breakthrough motivated by the March 2014 mystery disappearance of Malaysia Airlines flight 370 with 239 people on board. Debris from the Boeing 777 was found in the Indian Ocean in July.

The agreement allows nations to set aside radio frequencies so that airplanes can be tracked by satellite — not just from the ground.

Under current radar-based systems, the movement of planes is monitored by land-based systems, leaving around 70 per cent of the world's surface uncovered, according to the International Telecommunications Union.

Modern planes that can send what are known as Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast, or ADS-B, signals to the ground are now on track to send signals to satellites too — with implementation expected by 2017.

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IN BRIEF

Canada's share of Molson Coors revenue to drop

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TransCanada has few options for Keystone

OILSANDS

New permit a non-starter as long as Obama is president

Immediately after U.S. President Barack Obama denied a permit for the Keystone XL pipeline, TransCanada Corp. vowed to review all of its options.

Unfortunately for the Calgary-based company, none of those options are quick, simple or sure to succeed, according to a Washington, D.C., lawyer who at one time dealt with energy issues at the U.S. Department of Justice.

"There's not much anyone can do to reverse the decision practically or legally in the short-term," said Jim Rubin, now a partner at Dorsey & Whitney.

The one possibility TransCanada raised in its statement Friday was filing for a new permit to ship oilsands crude across the border. That's a non-starter as long as Obama is in the White House, said Rubin. Same story if the Democrats win the 2016 election, given the front-runners for the nomination have come out against the project.

The best hope, said Rubin, is for TransCanada to bide its time and see if the Republicans take power in 2017.

Going through the courts is the most complicated route, said Rubin, adding that the optics of TransCanada itself launching a lawsuit aren't great. Other parties could argue they've suffered economic harm as a result of the project not going ahead, but that's tough to prove.

A challenge under the North American Free Trade Agreement would be a protracted process, and a win would be far from a sure bet. The best-case scenario for TransCanada would be recouping funds it sunk into the project, said Rubin.

TransCanada may look at building pipe along the same route of its existing Keystone network, which has been delivering crude to the Midwest since 2010, Oklahoma since 2011 and the Gulf Coast since early 2014. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MEXICO DEAL

Natural-gas pipeline

TransCanada Corp. has won a contract to build, own and operate a $500-million US natural-gas pipeline for Mexico's state-owned power company. The company says the pipeline should be completed by late 2017 and it has a 25-year contract with the Comision Federal de Electricidad to operate the line.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON THE TORIES' FADE

"It's not just that the Conservatives lost control of the federal agenda for the foreseeable future but also that they are all but a spent force on the provincial scene.

The Conservatives' defeat on Oct. 19 will not go down in history as the worst electoral beating the party has ever endured, but it has driven Canada's conservative movement further into the political wilderness than at any other time in its recent history.

It is not just that the Conservatives lost control of the federal agenda for the foreseeable future, but also that they are all but a spent force on the provincial scene. That's obviously bad news for the parties that make up the right, but it is also a loss for the national conversation.

By the time Canada's premiers join Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the Paris climate conference next month, Saskatchewan's Brad Wall will likely be the only conservative first minister still standing.

Once the voters of Newfoundland and Labrador go to the polls at the end of the month, polls suggest the province's Tory government will be history.

For the first time in the living memory of most voters, there is not a Conservative government at the helm of one of the four larger provinces and no prospect that one will be elected anytime soon.

The Liberal governments of Ontario and Quebec, and the New Democrats in Alberta are all in the first half of majority mandates. Regime change — should it come to British Columbia in 2017 — is more likely to bring another NDP government to the fore than a more conservative one.

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In the short term, Manitoba offers the Tories their best (and only?) hope of bolstering their presence at the federal-provincial table.

But it will take more than a provincial victory or two to fix the malaise that ails the Conservative movement.

Harper's brand of conservatism was massively rejected in Atlantic Canada last month and it never took root in Quebec. In that province the party's recent seat gains mask a drop to the lowest Conservative score in the popular vote (16 per cent) in Quebec in a decade.

In a set of byelections earlier this week, the Coalition Avenir Québec — the closest thing to a provincial conservative party in Quebec — did even more poorly.

Ontario and Alberta are homes to conflicted and divided Conservative houses.

Since Mike Harris retired more than a decade ago, the Ontario Tories have failed to find a path back to power or, for that matter, to agree on a course to get there.

In Alberta, the warring factions within the Conservative movement have taken their differences to the electoral arena in a fratricidal battle that neither side is poised to win.

It will be interesting to see how the internal tensions in the two provinces that have been the pillars of the federal Conservative party will play out in the upcoming campaign to select Harper's successor.

If the past is any indication, those vying to succeed Harper will more likely be auditioning for a spell in the role of leader of the opposition than for the job of prime minister.

After the Trudeau, Mulroney and Chrétien/Martin decades, it took almost 10 years for their respective parties to regroup and stage a successful bid for government.

In fact, the Conservatives should not assume they hit rock bottom on Oct. 19.

The Liberals — who went from bad to worse under Stéphane Dion and Michael Ignatieff — can testify to the perils of that particular delusion.

Meanwhile though, a Conservative vacuum of this magnitude on the federal-provincial scene is unprecedented.

Pierre Trudeau sat across from William Davis in Ontario and Peter Lougheed in Alberta. Jean Chrétien was paired with Ralph Klein and Harris. Those strong premiers, hailing as they did from provinces that no federal ruling party could ignore, provided a counterweight to the Liberal government of the day, and often forced it to up its game.

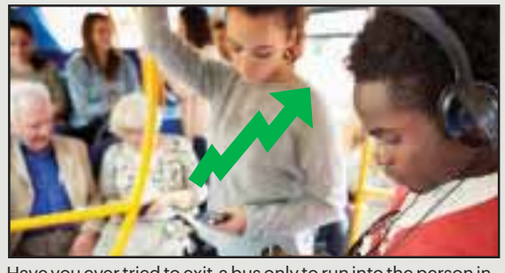
Over the Chrétien decade, a lot of the intellectual impetus for groundbreaking federal policies came from the right. It was provincial Conservative politicians who broke the trail to balanced budgets and the Reform Party planted the seed of what became the Liberal's Clarity Act.

But the Harper Conservatives always seemed to bring less policy heft to the exercise of power than their party in opposition.

They had lost their identity some time before they lost their place in government.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: Retail on the road



Have you ever tried to exit a bus only to run into the person in front of you, gazing at something on their phone? Blame online retailers. According to research by Ipsos and the admittedly self-interested PayPal Canada, 14 per cent of Canadian commuters use transit time to shop on their phones, and 76 per cent would if they had better Internet access. PayPal says the number of commuter-shoppers could increase fivefold if Wi-Fi was available on-board. So until hands-free, eyes-free mobile payments are invented, ever more multi-taskers will slow the flow of people on public transport because they're comparison-shopping for cat toys.

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This week's episode of Latent and Not-So-Latent Sexism

Welcome to Recently in Latent and Not-So-Latent Sexism.

1. Jose Bautista, whose bat flip got us all hot and bothered, pens a nice defence of said bat flip that doubles as a celebration for cross-cultural baseball. But slipped into a description of how it felt to step up to the plate, he offers this charmer: "It's the closest I have ever felt to being a superhero. I felt like I was Batman, and the villain had the girl dangling off the edge of the building." Did you do it, Bautista? Did you save the girl?!

2. In his widely memed music video for Hotline Bling, Drake confuses his ex's sexy party time and international vacations for the behaviour of a "bad girl." The female artist Ceresia covers the song from a woman's perspective to help him really hear himself. That cover spawns my own counsel to Drake: She probably is getting nasty with someone else, so you might want to consider going out more, you know? Instead of waiting for that late-night hotline bling? Best of luck in your new city.

3. Ralph Nader, allegedly very upset about interest rates, publishes an open letter to the U.S. Federal Reserve's first-ever chairwoman, Janet Yellen, and advises her that she should "Sit down with your Nobel Prize winning husband, economist George Akerlof" so they can "together, figure out what to do." (Note: for more on the curious practice of condescending to female economists and making sure to point out that they're wives, see a recent article devoted to the topic in the New York Times' The Upshot blog.)

4. Bloomingdale's, sensing that rape culture is so hot right now, releases a print ad featuring a man gazing at a woman (who's having a big laugh with someone in the opposite direction) with the handy how-to direction: "Spike your best friend's eggnog when they're not looking." The company apologizes, citing recent feedback, furthering the cause of shallow moral relativism. Bloomingdale's does not explain why the words "best friend" are bolded in the ad, though one might assume it's a nod to the fact that 80 per cent of sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim.

5. Alberta judge Robin Camp faces possible dismissal after showing a disregard for Canadian law by replacing the Supreme Court of Canada's definition of consent to sexual touching with "Why couldn't you just keep your knees together?"

Thanks for reading. That concludes this edition of Recently in Latent and Not-So-Latent Sexism. Till next time.

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POLITICS OF THE WARDROBE

Sophie's easy-going elegance captivates fashion lovers

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For Metro Canada

Sophie Grégoire-Trudeau has all the hallmarks of a style-icon-in-the-making with many ready to brand her Canada's Kate Middleton. They both married into a dynasty and share a glossy mane, but that's where the comparisons end. It's almost impossible to picture The Duchess, for instance, walking her kids to school in a pair of distressed denim flares and a white tee as Grégoire-Trudeau did on the first day back. It's precisely her relatable, relaxed approach that has put the entire country on Sophie Style Watch.

For her first official appearance as the prime minister's wife, she made a conscious choice to wear Canadian designers in an embellished Erdem dress and Sentaler coat — she also wore a grey Sentaler coat to yesterday's Remembrance Day ceremony — ostensibly aware that doing otherwise could come across as an early misstep. Instead, her swearing-in ensemble (styled by good friend Jessica Mulroney) prompted dozens of wardrobe dissections.

Sarah Bancroft, Vancouver-based editor-in-chief of vitamindaily.com credits her popularity with an easygoing elegance. "While many first ladies have nailed the elegant part, the relaxed part doesn't come across as frequently."

It seems the personal is public for Grégoire-Trudeau, at least in her proven talent for toeing the line with her style choices. "It's a fine balance. I'm sure it's not easy finding the perfect pieces," says Bancroft, who points to Grégoire-Trudeau's early TV work and time with Holt Renfrew as a personal shopper for her honed style.

Grégoire-Trudeau's choices so far lean toward a Made-in-Canada mandate, though it's too premature to predict whether she could have the same effect as Kate Middleton on much-needed sales.

"If we make noise about specific things she wears, I think it will definitely have an impact. I've seen so many posts on Facebook with people asking 'Where did she get that coat?'" says Montreal-based blogger Lolitta Dandoy of Fashion Is Everywhere (fashioniseverywhere.com).

This is exactly what the Canadian fashion industry needs at the moment, says Dandoy, who cites the loss of Montreal Fashion Week two years ago as a discouraging low-point for local designers.

Bancroft agrees, especially now that all eyes are on the most photogenic pair in Ottawa. "Canadian designers need all the spokespeople they can get."

The coming-out look

For Justin Trudeau's swearing-in, she cleverly chose to #WearCanada in an alpaca wrap coat by Toronto-based Sentaler and dress by CAFA award-winner Erdem. Bancroft thinks she made the right call to go understated but definitive with her style. "She's gone for more neutral colours, which is an interesting choice because a lot of first ladies will try to go for something really bold and statement-making."

Election day

Dandoy references this monochromatic look as the epitome of Grégoire-Trudeau's "cozy-chic" style. It's a classic choice that proves she can pull off effortless with three tots in tow.

On-duty mom

"It takes a lot of confidence to pull something like this off when you know you're going to be photographed. It suits her; it's also a throwback to Margaret (Trudeau), pictured in the black-and-white photo, and the '70s silhouette happens to be in again," notes Bancroft.

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3 LOOKS THAT WOULD BE AMAZING ON SOPHIE

Canadian designers so far haven't had a lot of help from the government, says fashion editor Sarah Bancroft. "To have someone in the public eye such as Sophie wearing Canadian designers — it will have a huge impact here in Canada and internationally." Here are local designs we think she should wear next MARLENE REGO/FOR METRO

Tanya Taylor

The Toronto-born, New York based designer is on heavy rotation with U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama, Beyoncé and Taylor Swift. We're predicting Grégoire-Trudeau would love any of the classic '70s boho silhouettes seen in the Fall 2015 collection.

Quebec designers

Grégoire-Trudeau's ties to the fashion industry allowed her to design her custom wedding gown back in 2005. Montreal blogger Lolitta Dandoy hopes she'll continue to support local designers by wearing pieces from the collections of Dénis Gagnon (pictured), Mélissa Nepton, Mackage or Montreal duo Tavan & Mitto.

Partyskirts

While we wouldn't be surprised to find her in a formal Greta Constantine gown, Smythe or Pink Tartan, Bancroft would like to see Grégoire-Trudeau shine the spotlight on smaller Canadian brands such as Partyskirts. "The silk high-waisted skirts come in all kinds of jewel tones. For the holidays I think this would be really fun on her, it's festive but also quite conservative at the same time."

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Graphic novel gets Suite translation

SUITE FRANÇAISE

Popular 1940s story now illustrated in English

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

There are so many versions of Irene Némirovsky's critically beloved novel Suite Française, returning to the original story is a bit like pulling apart a Russian matryoshka doll.

Némirovsky's own life is one of contemporary publishing's most heartbreaking and triumphant tales. The Ukrainian-born author intended to write a series of books based on her personal observations of the German occupation of France during the Second World War, but only completed two novellas before she died at Auschwitz in 1942. The manuscripts then remained untouched in a suitcase under her daughter's care until 1998. When the two books were finally published together in 2004 as a single novel titled Suite Française, it quickly became an international best-seller and then, earlier this year, a film, starring Michelle Williams as a lonely French woman who falls in love with a German soldier.

What many English speakers don't know is that there is also an illustrated adaptation of Némirovsky's first novella by Emmanuel Moynot, a Parisian author-artist with more than 40 titles to his name.

The English-language version of the graphic novel Suite Française. CONTRIBUTED

Now, for the first time, the English-language translation of that graphic novel is available here, thanks to Arsenal Pulp Press. The Vancouver publisher is gaining international respect for its comics translations, having made a name with another cultural phenomenon, Julie Maroh's lesbian romance, Blue is the Warmest Color, the film adaptation of which took home the Palme d'Or prize at the 2013 Cannes Film Festival.

Montreal translator David Homel, who also worked on Maroh's followup, Skandalon, was brought on by Arsenal Pulp to work on the book. He read Némirovsky's novel in French soon after it came out, but deliberately avoided the English-language edition while working on the illustrated version.

"You can really be influenced by something without realizing it," he says.

The graphic novel is a moody work of grey washes and black-ink illustrations, showcasing Moynot's brilliance at capturing facial expressions with quick pen strokes. The story follows several families of various social classes as they try to rebuild their lives under occupation. "Most of the books and movies that we consume about World War II are tragic Holocaust stories or heroic stories of resistance against the Nazis," says Homel.

"This is a completely business-as-usual story — the opposite of what we're used to seeing or reading. That's the genius of Némirovsky."

Ultimately, Homel wanted Moynot's graphic novel to stand on its own. Though he praises the work of British translator Sandra Smith, he didn't want to mimic the English edition of the novel that most readers are familiar with. As it turns out, its flowery, descriptive language wouldn't hold up in a graphic novel format, which is constricted by the limited space provided by speech balloons.

As with his other projects, Homel didn't communicate directly with Moynot while working on the book. Some references were changed to accommodate English speakers, but he tried to keep as true as possible to the original French text. "If people are eating duck pâté, they're eating pâté, not duck liver," Homel says. "It's like going on a trip. When you enter you know there are going to be certain types of references that are foreign but you still have a picture of what's going on."

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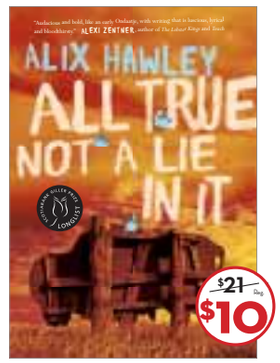

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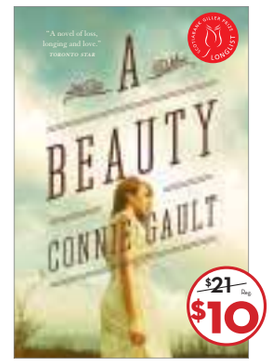

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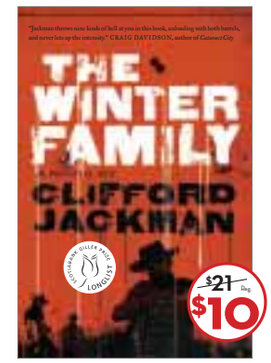

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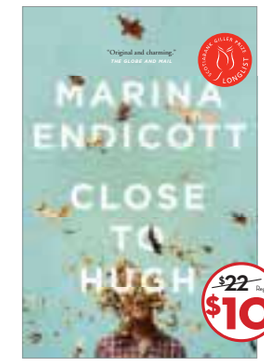

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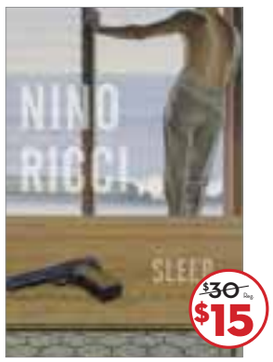

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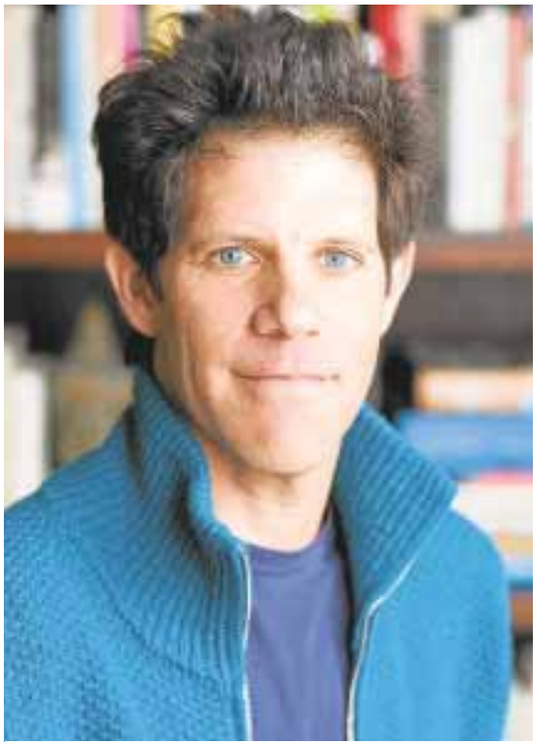
Stars share their best advice in six words



Six-word story catalyst Larry Smith has a new book. CONTRIBUTED

COLLECTED WISDOM

Larry Smith on power of half a dozen words to the wise

Rachel Vigoda
Metro | New York

In the age of Twitter, the idea of sharing wisdom using just a few letters is *de rigueur*. But that wasn't the way of the world when Larry Smith launched the Six-Word Memoir project in 2006, challenging people to tell a story in just six words.

More than a million mini-stories have been shared at SixWordMemoirs.com, sparking a series of books.

Last week, Smith released the latest book, The Best Advice in Six Words. In it are witty nuggets from actors, singers and writers, including Smith's wife, Piper Kerman, the real-life Piper of Orange Is the New Black. (She wrote the memoir that became the Netflix hit.)

We spoke with Smith about his favourite piece of advice and watching himself on OITNB.

How did you pick who would contribute to your book?
We contact(ed) some of our favorite people from worlds we all love: the arts, comedy, food, science, writing, wellness and more. Sometimes I get lucky and catch someone like Taylor Schilling ("You're okay, right now, I promise"), Weird Al Yankovic ("Eat your broccoli and always floss"), or Philly's own opera star Michael Fabiano ("Don't wait your turn in life") who already loves the form and offers me their six words on the spot. The trickiest celebrities to land are often some of my favourite writers — I get the sense that because they are so well known for their words, they never quite feel their six-word stories are finished.

Was there anyone you really wanted who said no?
I was listening to the radio one day and heard Tony Robbins giving a TED talk that included these perfect six words: "Divorce your story, marry the truth." I tried numerous emails and calls to (his) office to seek permission to include those words, but never heard back.

What's your favourite piece of advice in it?
My son's "Play, play, play, play, play" is sage wisdom for all ages. Morgan Spurlock, the director of Super Size Me, emailed me six words that I seem to be repeating a lot lately: "Don't put that in your mouth."

How did you feel about the way Larry was portrayed on OITNB?
Piper and I both think the adaptation of Orange Is the New Black is excellent. I have some similarities to Larry Bloom. We're funny, have good hair, love Piper. But of course the show is a work of fiction.

Did Piper contribute her six words of advice?
Piper's a frequent and fantastic six-word scribe. In our first book she shared her Six-Word Memoir, "In and out of hot water." In a collection of stories about love she wrote, "Found fellow cliff-diver. Best risk ever." In The Best Advice in Six Words, my wife offers, "You learn more from your failures."

FAVOURITES

Check out our six pack
In The Best Advice In Six Words, celebs from Gary Shteyngart to Molly Ringwald share the best advice someone ever gave them. Here are some of our favourites.

"Just make something every single day." — Noah Scalin

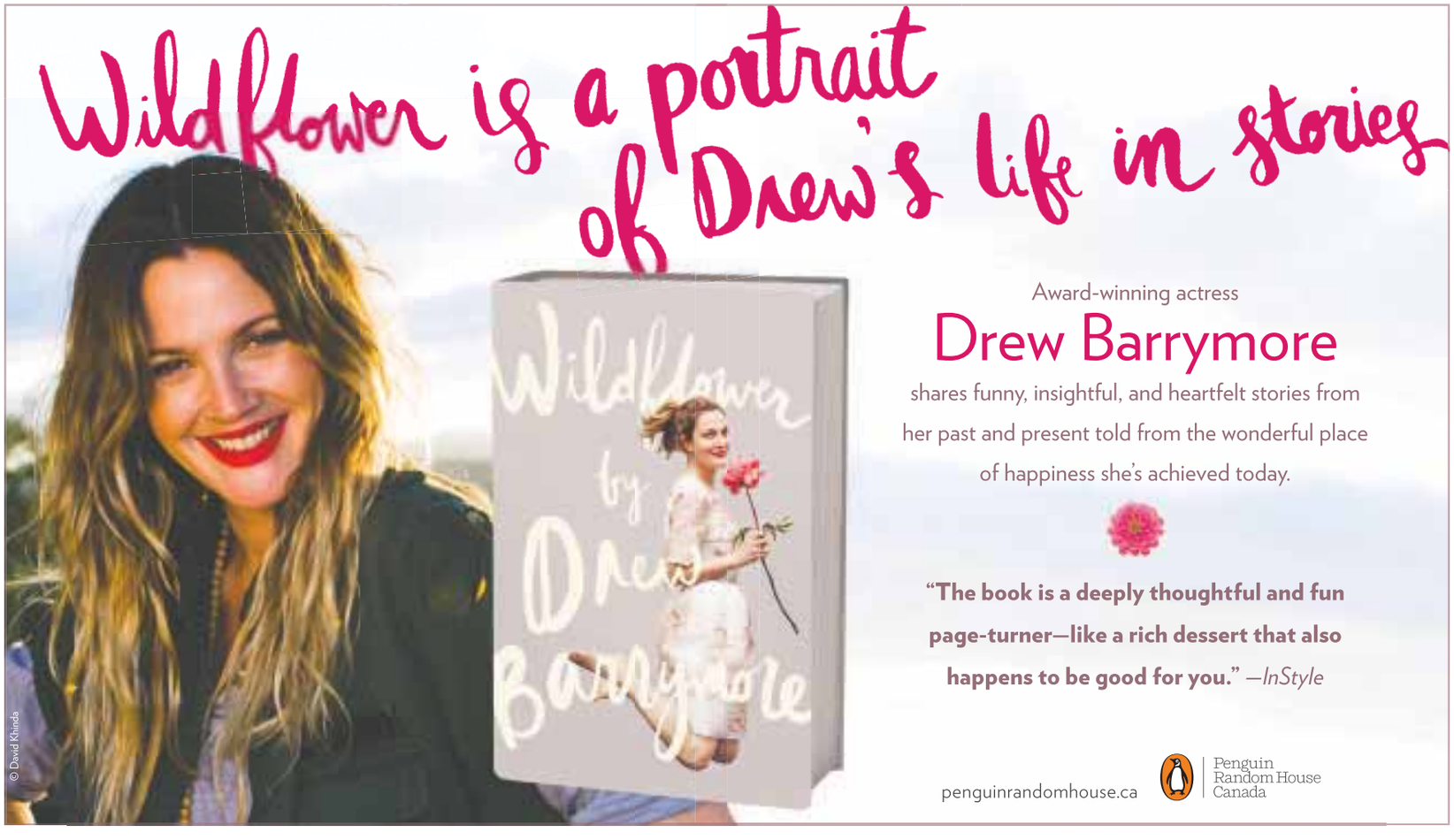
"Good posture trumps insecurity every time." — Susanne Kuznetsky

"There's always time to reinvent yourself." — Kathryn Budig

"Speak kindly. Someone always hears you." — Eleanor Sanchez

"Endure. Tomorrow is a different day." — Karen Munro

"Overnight success has never happened overnight." — Charles London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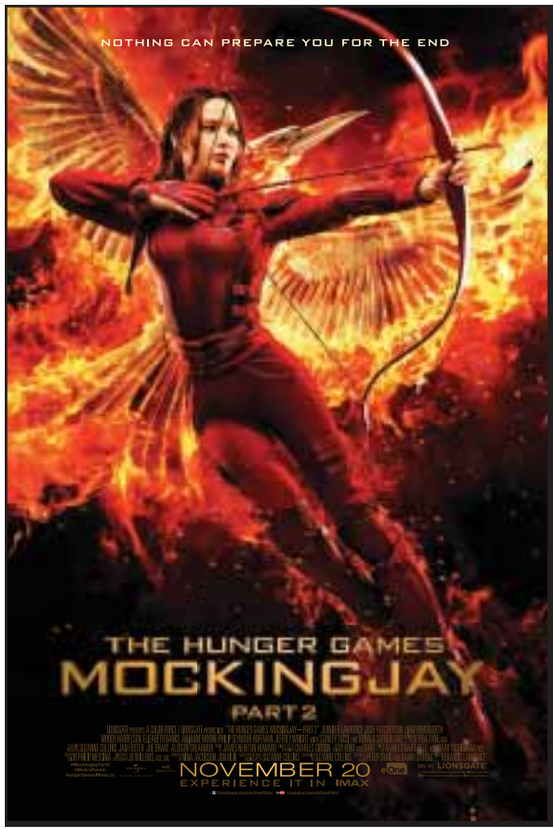

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Blank-eyed not a good look

BLOOD AND OIL: SEASON 1, EPISODE 1 (ABC/CTV)

I'm sorry, but I do not get the appeal of Chace Crawford, alleged hunk and star of this new nighttime soap set in boomtown North Dakota.

I didn't get him on Gossip Girl, when Blair and Serena cat-fought over him, and I don't get him here, where he's playing (Significant Name Alert!) Billy LeFever, a small-town hustler with big-money dreams.

The smooth-talking, big-lying oil magnate Hap Briggs (Don Johnson) is supposed to take one look at Billy and see a protégé, a master manipulator in the making.

But Crawford is so blank-eyed that I don't believe he could solve the mystery of what's in his sack lunch.

TV execs are always banging on about the importance of an actor's "likeability." But for me it's not about someone's likeability. It's about whether or not I like to watch them exist, and Crawford doesn't make that cut.

At left, Blood and Oil's alleged hunk Chace Crawford. On the right, Justified's inarguable hunk Timothy Olyphant. CONTRIBUTED

It's precisely the reason I'm addicted to Justified. I like its air of Ozark menace, but I'd watch it even if I didn't, because I — along with nearly every woman I know — am smitten with its star, inarguable hunk Timothy Olyphant, who plays U.S. Marshall Raylan Givens.

I like Olyphant's forearms, his long legs, his honey-gravel voice.

I like when he takes off his hat to kiss a girl.

I like the way he stands, and I like the way he sits. Sure, there are plots, and many of them are gripping. But Olyphant sits really, really well.

Sometimes that's enough. Sometimes, that's everything.

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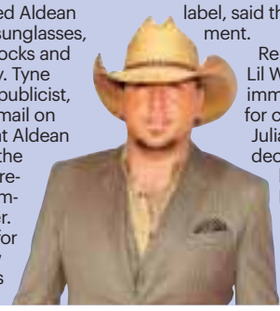
GOSSIP BRIEFS

Country music superstar dresses in blackface

Country star Jason Aldean dressed as rapper Lil Wayne for Halloween, a representative confirmed after a photo surfaced of him wearing blackface makeup and a wig with dreadlocks.

The picture, first posted by the website NashvilleGab.com, showed Aldean dressed in sunglasses, long dreadlocks and gold jewelry. Tyne Parrish, his publicist, said in an email on Tuesday that Aldean dressed as the rapper, but refused to comment further. A publicist for Broken Bow Records, his label, said they had no comment.



Representatives for Lil Wayne were not immediately available for comment.

Julianne Hough's decision to don blackface for Halloween to portray her favourite character from the Netflix show Orange is the New Black sparked an uproar and drew an eventual apology from the actress, who said she never intended to hurt anyone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Priestly to be back in the saddle soon

Jason Priestley says he's on the mend after suffering a concussion falling off a horse.

Priestley was shooting a scene for his Toronto-shot upcoming TV series, The Code, when the accident happened Monday.

Producers say he was taken to hospital as a precaution and discharged the same day.

The former Beverly Hills, 90210 star adds on Twitter that he was advised to take a few days off but looks forward to getting back to work.

Production on The Code is expected to resume next week. Priestley plays a former pro hockey player who uses his ability to read people in his new gig as a crime-solving private investigator. The Code is set to premiere on Global next spring. THE CANADIAN PRESS

DISNEY

Pirate role landed Depp in hot water

Remember back before 2003's Pirates of the Caribbean came out and Johnny Depp was a successful and well-respected actor known for challenging indie roles? Well, apparently the role that turned the tide and made him a blockbuster movie star was almost too challenging — at least for the Disney brass in charge of Pirates, as Depp's work gave them some major pause.

"They wanted to fire me. I fully expected to be fired, and I got a call from the upper echelon at Disney who were courageous enough to ask me, 'What the f— are you doing?'" Depp tells Moviefone.

"The questions came up, 'Is (the performance) drunk? Is it gay?' All I could say was, because they set me up with a great line, I said, 'Well, don't you know all my characters are gay?' I really expected to be fired, but I wasn't for some reason. They were actually going to put subtitles under my character. They couldn't understand Captain Jack."

"Don't you know all my characters are gay?" GETTY IMAGES

Listen, while it's great that they didn't fire him off that first Pirates film, considering the idea for the sequels wouldn't have been so bad. NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

Conscious humblebrag: Gwyn does divorce best

FAMILY

Goop founder takes credit for reimagining the breakup

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

Man, Gwyneth Paltrow will just not shut up about all this "conscious uncoupling" stuff, huh? In fact, she's pretty sure that if anyone deserves the whole "broke the Internet" title, it's her and ex-husband Chris Martin.

"When I was announcing my husband and I were separating and we were trying to follow this specific way of doing it — and the philosophy is conscious uncoupling — and we, like, broke the f—king Internet," Paltrow said during a Goop-sponsored Q&A hosted by Fast Company this week.

"It's such a hard time personally and then you have this added layer of all this criticism. Then when you look back you go, 'Well, this is actually kind of a good thing to talk back, introducing in some way.' Like, what if you could break up in a way where you remain a family even though you're not a couple?"

Good job, just don't pull anything patting yourself on the back there.

"We, like, broke the f—ing Internet," says Paltrow. GETTY IMAGES

Paltrow also announced she is launching a lifestyle publishing line called, of course, goop.

Paltrow's goop press will be curated in conjunction with Grand Central Life & Style, an imprint of Grand Central Publishing. The first release will be Paltrow's It's All Easy cookbook, which comes out in April. A beauty book is scheduled for next fall.

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Ellen feeling right at Home

RENOVATED PROPERTIES

Talk-show host showcases her design chops in new book

Ellen DeGeneres likes homes. That much is evident if you watch her HGTV series Ellen's Design Challenge, where furniture-makers fight to create the coolest side table you will never use in order to win $100,000.

DeGeneres has bought and renovated close to a dozen abodes over the last 25 years. Seven of them are represented in her coffee-table book, along with a spattering of interiors from her designer collaborators.

The talk-show host does have design chops, including an appreciation for modernists such as Jean Royère and Arne Jacobsen. As expected, even though she was born in New Orleans, the majority of the homes are reflective of modern-day L.A. living. The book showcases the perfectly-imperfect philosophy honed by the comedian.

The spaces featured in Home reflect Ellen DeGeneres' perfectly-imperfect philosophy. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Beverly Hills

DeGeneres and her wife, Portia de Rossi, bought their Beverly Hills estate after visiting the house for the first time and making their hosts an offer they didn't refuse. The main home was built in 1963 for actor Laurence Harvey. DeGeneres then went on to significantly enlarge the estate, buying the two surrounding properties. The main living room has Louis XVI Bergeres flanked by slipcovered sofas to create a cosy, not-too-imposing while still-very-Ellen area. A grey Hermès Avalon blanket — something of a Beverly Hills cliché — sets off the white, grey and brown tones.

The Horse Ranch

DeGeneres' 26-acre horse ranch north of Los Angeles. Built by actor William Powell in the 1920s, it has been both a monastery and a rehab centre over the years. The talk-show host said she approached the task

> **Interior design is what I would do if I wasn't a comedian and talk-show host.**
>
> Ellen DeGeneres

like she was "designing and decorating 10 different homes" since there were so many cabins and barns on the property. This barn is used as a recreation centre, decorated with an early 20th-century American work table and a vintage wicker chair. In the centre is a French 19th-century Os de Mouton settee. Opposite the seating area is a Belgian desk that holds a 20th-century African mask.

Santa Barbara

If you are going to live in Santa Barbara, it might as well be in a villa — in this case, a Tuscanite-influenced beauty designed by American architect Wallace Frost. The stone home is situated on a hill filled with olive trees and overlooking the Pacific.

"It's like a glorious stone funhouse full of strange nooks and crannies and little moments of surprise," says DeGeneres. "I think this is our forever house." Outside DeGeneres has placed an 18th-century Belgian farm table on which sits a sculpture of a pig. Art is deftly placed everywhere, including vintage Oaxacan candle lanterns and a sculpture by Finnish artist Harry Kivijärvi to the left of the fountain.

The Brody House

The Brody House is one of the most significant homes in Los Angeles. The Brodys were philanthropists who commissioned architect A. Quincy Jones and designer William Haines to create one of the great modernist structures. They even had Henri Matisse do a mural for the courtyard — which has since been donated to a museum.

The spa seen here is minimalism at its finest: marble slab walls, terrazzo floors and palm woods. DeGeneres didn't live here long. After paying a reported $40 million for the home, she flipped it to Napster founder Sean Parker for a mind-blowing $55 million.

The Blackmans

DeGeneres takes inspiration from the homes of her collaborators, including Adam Blackman. Blackman is the owner of iconic L.A. furniture store Blackman Cruz, where the talk-show host sources many of her furnishings. This home is also designed by A. Quincy Jones but in the Brentwood neighbourhood. Wall plaques of inlaid stone show a love for Montici art. Around the corner lies a weathered Mies van der Rohe Barcelona couch. Beside it is a Japanese bronze flower arranging dish. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SMART AND CONNECTED

Three things you'll find in the kitchen of the future

The Paragon induction cooktop, left, and Neo wireless jars aim to make cooking as easy as pie. CONTRIBUTED

Precision, mobile cooking

FirstBuild, a GE lab based out of Louisville, Ky., has started pre-sales on its Paragon induction cooktop. The portable stovetop is actually a three-piece set: induction heating element, Bluetooth-enabled thermostat and app. Users insert the thermostat into their pots and pans, set the desired cooking temperature and time on the app and walk away. The thermostat monitors the temperature and the burner adjusts to keep it within one degree Fahrenheit, says Lou Lenzi, director for GE Appliances' industrial design operation. Paragon starts shipping in December for $249 US. GE is already using the thermometer for some of its other stovetops.

Calorie-counting pans

For people trying to reduce their calorie intake, it can be a challenge when recipes don't offer nutrition guides (or when you stray from the recipe). This was the problem New York-based nutritionist Prachi Baxi and her engineer brother tried to solve, she says. The duo created SmartyPans, with connected smartphone app, that dishes out a calorie count based on actual food added. Tell the app what you're adding (the app is voice activated) and it measures the quantity as ingredients are dropped. The pans are currently available for presale in the U.S. for $189 US, though Baxi hopes to have it more widely available by spring next year.

Smarter storage

Toronto-based SKE Labs is getting set to start shipping its smart jars, Neo. The wireless jars communicate with an app, while sensors measure weight and manually entered best-before dates track freshness. The app even suggests recipes based on what's in the pantry. As ingredients get low, they're automatically added to a shopping list (for those who frequent nearby grocery stores) or auto-ordered from online retailers (for those who opt to shop digitally). Neo (six jars for $299), is estimated to start shipping this November. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Belgian international Laurent Ciman of the Montreal Impact has been voted MLS defender of the year

Jets just cannot afford to cool at central moment of season

THE HOCKEY NEWS
Matt Larkin

Divisional games mean a lot. It doesn't matter if it's still November. The Jets are thus in the middle of a crucial stretch of the season as they battle four straight Central Division opponents on the road.

The first stop came Tuesday night in Minnesota, and it was pretty disastrous.

The Wild cruised to a 5-3 win that wasn't as close as it looked. The Jets trailed 5-1 and chipped in a pair of third period goals. The Wild regularly got around the Winnipeg defense, most notably when Thomas Vanek scored his second goal of the night by absolutely embarrassing Paul Postma. Goalie Ondrej Pavelec was pulled.

The defeat was Winnipeg's third in a row and fourth in the past five contests. Next up, things don't get any easier, as Central rivals Dallas, Nashville and St. Louis are all waiting just around the corner.

The Jets have learned the hard way that divisional play is crucial in their playoff pushes.

They were a pitiful 9-15-5 against the Central in 2013-14. They were 28-20-5 against everyone else but missed the post-season.

Last season they flipped the switch and went 16-8-5 versus the Central, then made the playoffs.

The Central looks to have more firepower than ever this season, with its seven teams ranking second, fourth, ninth, 10th, 11th, 15th and 16th in goals per game through Tuesday's games.

That means the Jets will have to show a lot more defensively than they did against Minnesota — specifically among the defense corps.

Defense was supposed to be a strength for Winnipeg this year. It had a strong top four in Dustin Byfuglien, Toby Enstrom, Tyler Myers and Jacob Trouba. It had a gritty depth piece in Mark Stuart. And some combination of Postma, Ben Chiarot and Adam Pardy would fill out the back end.

Supposedly, the Jets had so much depth that there was no spot available for blue-chip prospect Josh Morrissey. So far this season, however, the Jets' blueline doesn't look as strong or deep as it should.

The new idea of pairing Trouba and Myers is an intriguing one. The D-corps as a whole is high on bodies but could use more talent on the bottom pair.

Might GM Kevin Cheveldayoff consider calling up Morrissey? Maybe, though Morrissey has struggled with AHL Manitoba.

At the very least, it seems more than ever that trading pending free agent Byfuglien would cripple the blueline too much. Maybe the Jets should toss out the idea of shopping a D-man and considering acquiring another instead.

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Dustin Byfuglien's score-adjusted Corsi For percentage, tops among Jets D-men with at least 50 minutes played this season.

Dustin Byfuglien may be a pending free agent but the Winnipeg Jets can't consider trading him any time soon given how unsteady their blueline has looked as they enter into a key period of the season, facing three Central rivals on the spin. CLAUS ANDERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

CURLING

Wounded and wary, Gushue back on ice

Still sporting a shiner and some puffiness above his right eye, veteran skip Brad Gushue returned to action Wednesday for the first time since a nasty fall left him with a seven-stitch cut and concussion-like symptoms.

He admitted he's not in top physical form but is still eager to compete at the National this week at General Motors Centre. His return comes less than two weeks after a face-first fall to the ice during a game at The Masters in Truro, N.S.

Gushue went down in the fourth end, got stitched up at a nearby hospital, and returned in the seventh end of a 5-2 quarterfinal loss to Saskatoon's Steve Laycock on Oct. 31.

The competition high carried him through the end of the game. The symptoms kicked in a short time later.

"When I got back out on the ice and back in the lights, I felt a little bit off," Gushue said. "But it was after the game when the adrenalin went down that I knew something was off. It was my own fault. At the hospital, I was in such a rush to get back. I didn't let them do their job."

Gushue's eye was swollen shut for a few days. He underwent a CT scan and needed massage and physiotherapy to help with lingering pain. The concussion-like symptoms eventually subsided and Gushue went back to the doctor for another round of tests Monday just to be sure. He decided to make the trip after being given the all-clear.

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> Brad Gushue

"I wouldn't say I'm 100 per cent, but I'm definitely good enough to play," he said. "The doctor said I was OK to play so I'm excited to be here and put that (fall) in the past."

The fall brought the issue of concussions and head protection in curling into the spotlight. Helmets can be a common sight at the recreational level but are not used by elite curlers.

"There is a bigger chance of slipping and falling walking to your car in the middle of winter than there is for elite-level curlers out on the ice," Gushue said. "It's such a rarity. The fact that I did it on national television and cut myself and there was blood involved and all that stuff, it kind of made it a big deal out of not a big deal."

Curling Canada is in the process of developing a concussion protocol. It's slated to be presented at the organization's annual meetings next summer.

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Brad Gushue as he looked on Halloween, the day he was stitched up after falling to the ice face-first at the Masters in Truro, N.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS/FILE

Humphries in dispute with federation over four-man events

BOBSLEIGH

Olympian says BCS not letting her follow her dreams in sport

Tension is building between Olympic women's bobsleigh champion Kaillie Humphries and her sport's federation.

Humphries wants to pilot four-man sleds on the World Cup circuit in addition to her women's races. The Calgarian says Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton will not let her.

"I've never been in a situation where my goals and dreams have not aligned with Bobsleigh Canada's," Humphries said Wednesday. "It's an extremely difficult situation for me currently at the moment."

Humphries and Elana Meyers Taylor of the United States were the first women to pilot male crews on the World Cup circuit last season.

The world governing body of the sport, the FIBT, ruled prior to the start of last season that four-man bobsleighs would be "gender neutral."

The move opened the door for the eventual inclusion of a four-woman bobsleigh event in the world championships and Winter Olympics.

Women's bobsleigh was introduced as an Olympic sport in 2002 as a two-person event, while the men continued to race two-man and four-man sleds. Humphries lobbied hard for the door to open for her and other women in the four-man sled. She feels like her own federation is closing it on her again.

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> Kaillie Humphries

Canada has two international quota berths in four-man this season, and the FIBT took the unusual step of awarding a third to Canada specifically for Humphries. But BCS has its own qualification standards that are more stringent than the FIBT's.

Athletes must achieve a certain push time in the ice house before World Cup selection races. Humphries piloted a four-man sled that finished third in selection races behind Justin Kripps and Chris Spring.

But there were not enough brakemen meeting BCS's push standards to fill two sleds, let alone a third, according to BCS president Sarah Storey.

"Every athlete that goes on the World Cup has to meet a push standard," Storey said. "To have a four-man crew, you need everyone on the team to have qualified."

Another way to explain the situation is international standards to qualify for Olympic Games are low to allow more countries to participate. But some countries such as Canada set much higher standards domestically to field more competitive teams and athletes.

"We don't send people on the World Cup to develop, we don't send them as tourists," Storey said. "We send them to win medals, to contend at every race."

Humphries finished last season ranked 18th out of 30 teams in World Cup four-man races. The women's Olympic champion in both 2010 and 2014 finished second to Meyers Taylor in women's racing. Canada will start the season with a small team of 11 athletes. Kripps of Summerland, B.C., will pilot the only four-man sled. Kripps and Calgary's Spring will both pilot two-man sleds. Humphries was named the lone women's pilot.

The first World Cup stop is Nov. 21-30 in Altenberg, Germany. After the first three races, BCS will hold another round of selection trials in December.

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Kaillie Humphries speaks to reporters in Calgary Wednesday. A dispute is brewing between the Olympic women's bobsled champion and Bobsleigh Canada. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

WADA REPORT

Putin orders probe into doping claims

Russian President Vladimir Putin has ordered an investigation into allegations of widespread doping among the country's sports figures.

Putin called for the investigation in a late-night meeting Wednesday with the heads of Russia's sports federations. The meeting comes in the wake of Monday's report by a commission of the World Anti-Doping Agency that said Russian sports is plagued by extensive, state-sanctioned doping.

The allegations have raised the prospect of Russia's track and field athletes being denied participation in next year's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Putin ordered Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko and "all colleagues connected with sport" to pay close attention to the doping allegations and for an internal investigation to be conducted — guaranteeing full co-operation with international anti-doping bodies.

Earlier on Wednesday Russia's sports minister said the country can deal with alleged widespread doping problems on its own.

Mutko was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying Wednesday that Russia holds the Word Anti-Doping Agency commission that reported on Russian problems and its findings "in due respect."

He said: "we agree with the commission's main findings that doping is not a problem of Russia but of the whole world and the doping problems cannot be resolved within one country."

Mutko adds that "Russia is capable of dealing with the problems named in the commission's report independently, and we will do it for sure."

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Russian President Vladimir Putin
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SOCCER

Suspended FIFA head Blatter still in hospital after 'small breakdown'

Sepp Blatter remains in a Swiss hospital after what his spokesman called a "small breakdown" related to stress.

The 79-year-old suspended FIFA president expects to leave the hospital next Monday, Zurich-based spokesman Klaus Stoehlker told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "(Blatter) will be back officially in business on Tuesday next week," Stoehlker said in a telephone interview. "The checkup is finished and he is recovering."

On Friday, Blatter's American lawyer told the Associated Press that he was at a hospital. Blatter is appealing against his 90-day provisional ban by the FIFA ethics committee over suspected financial misconduct. He still hopes to host the Ballon d'Or award ceremony in Zurich on Jan. 11, after the suspension expires, Blatter's aide Walter Gagg said on the sidelines of a meeting of Olympic sports. Blatter's main goal is to host the FIFA election congress on Feb. 26, Gagg said.

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NHL FORM TEAM MONTREAL CANADIENS DO BATTLE WITH PITTSBURGH PENGUINS
Phil Kessel of the Pittsburgh Penguins handles the puck during the game against the Montreal Canadiens at Consol Energy Center on Wednesday in Pittsburgh. For the result of this game and more go to metronews.ca. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES

RECIPE Lemon Linguini

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Your family will love the freshness of the lemon in this dish. You'll love how you barely had to lift a finger.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 500 g package of linguini or spaghetti
- Juice of 2 lemons
- 1 Tbsp of lemon zest
- 6 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
- Handful of basil, washed and sliced into strips
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions
1. Cook pasta according to the package instructions. Meanwhile, whisk together the lemon juice and zest, oil and 1 1/2 cups of the cheese. Don't worry if it's gloopy.
2. Scoop out 1/2 cup of the pasta cooking water and set it aside, then drain the noodles. Put the pasta back in the cooking pot. Pour the lemon mixture over the pasta and toss well until all the noodles are coated. Add a splash of your reserved pasta water if you need to loosen up the dish. Add the basil and toss. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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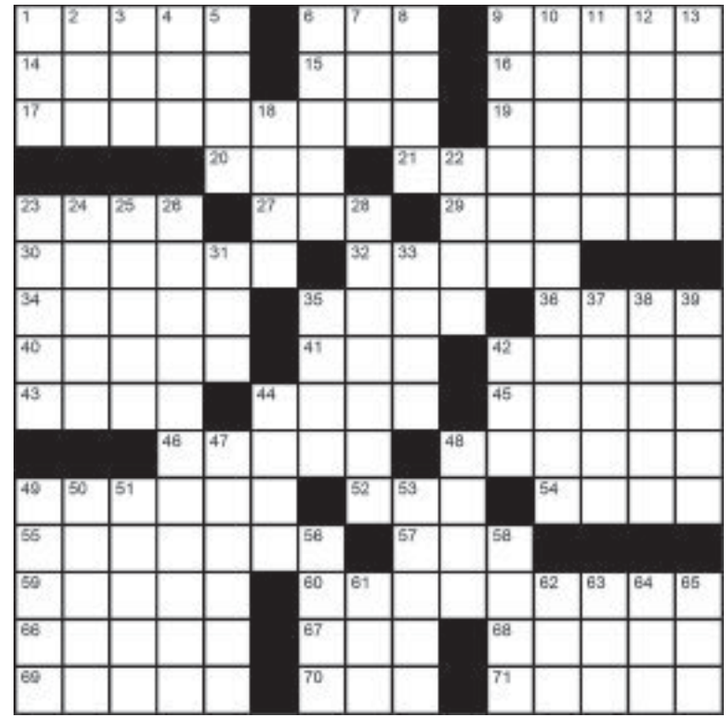

ACROSS
1. "The Wonder _"
6. Gladiator's 102
9. Canyon opening
14. Bird-related
15. Journalist Ms. Curry
16. Game with a jackpot
17. New album by Canadian rap star Kardinal Offishall: '_ _, Vol. 1: The Clash'
19. Group of eight
20. The _ (Manitoba's cap.)
21. Deliverer's deliveree
23. Surrounded by
27. Bon _ (Clever remark)
29. "_ the car?" (Shopper's parking lot query)
30. De-peeling devices
32. Bill _ & His Comets
34. Examine
35. Current affairs
36. Umbrella blower-awayer
40. Charles M. Schulz drawn character
41. Battery size
42. Wedding _ (Keepsake of the big day)
43. The _ Coast
44. Tiny, _-bitty
45. Avoid
46. One with a pad and paper
48. Chop, as a butcher
49. Tiered temple
52. Blue-_ (Soothing cream on TV commercials)
54. Toboggan
55. Lines between brows, as dubbed in the world of Botox injections
57. Dinner tidbit
59. Comic actor Tim
60. 1605-established French settlement in Nova Scotia
66. Canadian rebel Louis, and surnamesakes
67. _. date (Food label info)
68. Recipe's oil source, perhaps
69. Dita Von _ (Queen of Burlesque)
70. Play-_
71. Precept

DOWN
1. Tibetan ox
2. Supermodel Ms. Herzigova
3. Ventilate
4. "Way cool."
5. Crop
6. Nautical haulage
7. "Barefoot Contessa" chef Ms. Garten
8. Police dept. rank
9. Bell: French
10. W Network docuseries: 2 wds.
11. Fragrant oil from flowers
12. Phase
13. Styles
18. Tiara twinklers
22. Shoemaker's tools
23. Fab Four created label
24. "West Side Story" (1961) role
25. Actor Jeremy
26. First big releases by writers, for example: 2 wds.
28. Dramatist's realm
31. Hi-_ graphics
33. On the road
35. Decorator on TV Mr. Berkus
37. Model of perfection
38. Chutzpah
39. Spoiled, _ on
42. _-d'Or, Quebec
44. "I'd consider _ _ honour..."
47. Danish writer Hans Christian Andersen's birthplace
48. Terse
49. Neil _ (Rush band member)
50. "Kate & _" ('80s sitcom)
51. Jelly: French
53. Change shape
56. Hotfooted it
58. Gait at the stables
61. Cubed food flavouring brand
62. "_ Buttermilk Sky" by Hoagy Carmichael
63. Yang's counterpart
64. "_ Maria"
65. Tennis call

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will have to confront your feelings about someone you deal with on a daily basis. You may not like them much but in some way your fates are linked, so do what you can to keep things friendly.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Slow down. You have been pushing yourself extremely hard and, yes, you have accomplished a lot. But after every period of exertion must come a period of rest, so take a break!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Feelings of self-doubt that have been holding you back are sure to be swept away today, tomorrow and this weekend. Get over your fear of losing and great things will come.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A loved one or relative has been a real pain recently but you have an obligation to help them, even when their troubles are self-inflicted. You will be called on to make even more sacrifices over the next few days. Do so willingly.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The line between helping a friend and interfering in their personal affairs may at times be difficult to judge but if someone you know needs assistance today you must ride to their rescue.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
No matter how well things are going financially don't take chances with what you own and earn.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Mars moving into your sign today means it is time to get active. Knuckle down, work hard and start getting ahead in whatever field you wish to make your mark.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you need assistance, ask for it. If you pretend that nothing is wrong others will assume that you are on top of things and will not help.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need a challenge and you are about to get it. Most likely it will be the kind of challenge that you cannot handle on your own, so it will encourage you to seek help from like-minded people. You cannot be self-sufficient all the time.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
There are times when you have to roll up your sleeves and get involved. Mars moving into the career area of your chart means you will get the chance to impress important people. Don't waste it.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't limit your imagination. If you can dream it you can be it with Mars in Libra between now and the end of the year.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You cannot turn back the clock and change the past but you can learn from your experiences. Also, promise yourself that both now and in the future you won't let so many great opportunities go begging.

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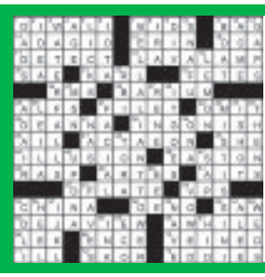

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